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1. it has been definitely found that the brown coal coke produced by the Lauchhammer coking plant does not meet the requirements of low shaft furnaces and is even less suitable for blast furnaces.
2. The inconsistent quality of the coke is allegedly responsible for its poor performance. The quality of coke is said to be very good at times, but bad or completely unusable at others.
3. The Lauchhammer Plant supplied 36,000 tons of coke to the Calbe Plant and the Maxhuetten, Unterwellenborn, from the time the coke furnaces were put into operation until December 1952.

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Comment. The Lauchhammer Plant began production of foundry coke from brown coal in mid-June 1952. The East German economic management had placed high hopes in this project since coke production at Lauchhammer was scheduled to balance the extraordinary shortage of hard coal coke. East Germany will continue to be dependent on considerable imports if this report proves to be true.

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